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- 1. The airfield was west of Mineralnye Vody (4307°E/44013°N), Stavropol Oblast, about 250 meters south of a double-track railroad line and just south of a concrete 8-meter road running from the town. A hill, about 600 meters high, was about 1,000 meters southwest of the field. The landing field was about 2 km in E-W direction and about 1,000 meters in N-S direction. It had a firm grass cover serviceable in all weather. There were no concrete runways or taxiways. Red boundary lights were available.
- 2. A workshop, about 30 x 60 meters, with semicircular corrugated sheet metal roof, a locksmith's workshop and a woodworking shop were at the field. Civilians worked on engine and timber parts. PWs had access to the building. Soldiers, called pilot students, worked at two repair hangars, each about 30 x 60 meters.

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These were off limits to PWs. A local head-quarters building, about 10 x 30 meters, had a small annex. The two-story building was enlarged in 1948 by two more floors housing PX and an administration room. About 12 pilot students were instructed every day at a weather station which had a windcone. A cantonment building, about 10 x 20 meters, with a large annex, served as winter quarters for passengers. The two-story "commanders' houses" were each about 8 x 20 meters. Then was a two-story DF station, about 15 meters square, to which a telephone cable from the local headquarters building was laid in 1947. It was occupied by one officer, two senior sergeants, and three junior sergeants. A fuel dump, magazines, garages, large quartering tents etc. were also at the field.

- 3. The field was occupied:
 - a. Twelve to fifteen twin-engine transports with radial engines, single rudder assembly, landing gear retracting rearward, retractable tail wheel, thirty-two seats, eight in direction of flight (the observation was made while unloading camouflage nets and roofing paper).
 - b. Six single-engine fighters with radial engine, rear section of coclpit extending as far as about trailing edge of wings, retractable landing gear. Individual flights were occasionally made but pilot students with a metal stripe on their epaulets were mostly given theoretical instruction on the planes.
 - c. Three single-engine aircraft with in-line engine. They were never flown, only used for instruction purposes.
- 4. Commercial planes made intermediate landings every day.
- Besides the ground personnel up to 150 pilot students were temporarily stationed at the field.

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- 6. The airfield west of Mineralnye Vody had some hangars and buildings. who worked at the field said that it was in a very good condition.
- 7. The field was occupied by about 15 twin-engine aircraft with radial engines and single rudder assembly, and about 10 biplanes.
- 8. The large airfield west of the town, south of a railroad line, had three large solidly built hangars and was occupied by 30 to 40 multi-engine aircraft and biplanes.

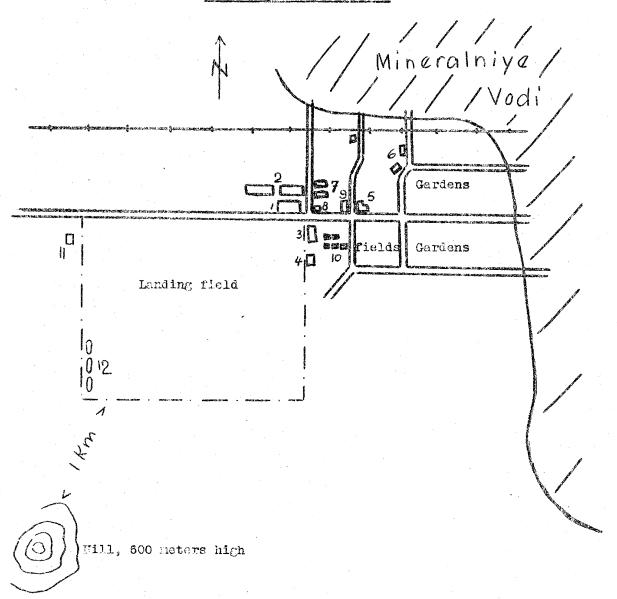
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Mineralnye Vody Airfield



Legend:

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- 4 Weather station
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- 7 Garages
- Magazines
- 9 Kitchen
- 10 Five large quartering tents
- 11 DF station 12 Underground fuel dump